

Overview and Scrutiny Board

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

17 SEPTEMBER 2025

Matter for Consideration:

For OSB to agree the Terms of Reference for OSB's review, "Poverty, its impact, and efforts to tackle it."

Background Information

At OSB on the 31 July 2025 Members resolved to consider the review topic, "Poverty, its impact, and efforts to tackle it."

It was agreed the topic should be undertaken through a "policy lens," and should focus on what policy initiatives, either current or planned, are in place to address poverty in Middlesbrough.

Draft Terms of Reference

With the agreement of the Chair and Vice Chair of OSB, the following Terms of Reference have been drafted to act as a guide for OSB to consider and discuss. It is OSB's decision to approve, reject or amend the draft Terms of Reference.

1. To understand the definition of poverty and what this means for Middlesbrough.
2. With a specific focus on demographics, understand the causes and impact of poverty in Middlesbrough.
3. To explore the strategies, plans and policies the Council has in place to address and alleviate poverty in Middlesbrough.
4. To understand what work is being undertaken with external stakeholders to address and alleviate poverty in Middlesbrough.

Recommendations and/or issues on which guidance is being sought:

Once agreed, the Terms of Reference will be scoped, and a schedule of work will be created and integrated into OSB's meeting schedule for 2025/2026.

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